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**Subject:** RE: AZ 404 Workgroup  
**Attachments:** AZ 404 Assumption .pptx; Draft 404 Assumption Workplan\_7.25.18\_Final.docx

Hi Tomás:

In a nutshell, ADEQ is establishing an "Executive Workgroup" as an advisory group to ADEQ on the development of their 404 program. The workgroup will include executives from other federal and state agencies. We've been told that Trevor will chair the group to solicit high level advice based on the input provided by the 7 issue specific stakeholder workgroups. The 7 stakeholder groups are scheduled to submit final reports to ADEQ by 12/21; some of the workgroups have been granted an extension. Following the stakeholder workgroup process, ADEQ plans to prepare a "roadmap document" describing the path forward for assumption, prior to developing the program and submitting it through their formal rulemaking process. Given our role as the decision agency for assumption, EPA's roll on the Executive Workgroup will be different than the other participating agencies.

Last week ADEQ held a public webinar with each workgroup reporting out on their progress to date. Most workgroups seemed to have done extensive work, sharing some of the nitty gritty on the challenging issues they are grappling with. There were notable exceptions. For example the "Fees" workgroup didn't share any specifics regarding program costs and fees, though funding the program through fees is a significant overall challenge for assuming the program. On the webinar, ADEQ said they are now planning submittal to EPA in October 2020 (revised from June 2020) with a effective date of February 2021.

We are continuing to provide assistance when asked and stay up-to-date on ADEQ progress. As products get produced, such as the work group reports, we will have more specifics to work with to provide guidance.

Attached for your info is a 2 slide ppt showing the stakeholder workgroups and an overall process timeline (not yet updated for the Oct 2020 submittal). Also attached is the ADEQ 106 workplan that has us beginning to receive assumption deliverables this month. Based on the stakeholder process, I expect those deliverables to be delayed. Given the nature of this effort, late deliverables are not a performance concern. I'm more concerned with ADEQ coordinating schedules and timing with us since we need to be able to plan for timely review and comment to get to an approvable package.

Let me know if you want additional information in advance of your call on Monday.

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**Subject:** AZ 404 Workgroup

Ellen, Sam,

Trevor reached out to schedule time on Monday morning to discuss the following agenda. I'd appreciate your input re: background, Qs, etc. Thanks

Agenda:

- Discussion of possible participation with the CWA-404 Executive Work Group w/Tomas
- Provide further detail regarding work group and answer any questions Tomas may have

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